

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 23, 2016
TOWN HALL
7 PM**

Board Members Present: David A. Smith, Jr., Clerk
Andrew G. Petersen

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Eileen Clarke, Temporary Assistant to Town Administrator
Karen Lindquist, Library Director

Members of the Public

Selectman Smith called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

SHEFFIELD FARMER'S MARKET:

Selectman Smith welcomed Jolanta Lorenc the manager of the Farmer's Market. Ms. Lorenc stated that the Market will run from June 3rd to October 7th from 3PM to 6:30PM in the Old Parish Church parking area. Administrator LaBombard and Chief Munson have approved the signs for the Market. Ms. Lorenc also stated that the Market is accepting new vendors and submitted a list of vendors currently signed up. Administrator LaBombard reminded Ms. Lorenc that all food vendors must have a license from the Board of Health.

Selectman Petersen moved to approve the Farmer's Market as presented, seconded by Selectman Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

ONE DAY WINE AND MALT LICENSE, DEWEY HALL:

Dewey Hall has submitted an application for a One Day Wine and Malt license for a function to be held on June 9, 2016. Selectman Smith moved to approve the application for a One Day Wine and Malt License for Dewey Hall for a function on June 9, 2016, seconded by Selectman Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR SWINGS ON LIBRARY GROUNDS:

Discussion continued from a previous meeting regarding the installation of playground equipment on the Library grounds. Discussion ensued, including the Board's concerns with the installation of the equipment. It was the consensus of the Board to table the discussion until Chairman Hawver could be present.

RESIGNATIONS-TOWN ACCOUNTANT, HIGHWAY:

Administrator LaBombard stated that James McCormack, Town Accountant, has resigned his position effective June 30 2016 and Ryan Shimmon, Highway employee, has resigned his position effective June 3, 2016.

Selectman Smith moved to accept the resignations of James McCormack and Ryan Shimmon and send a letter of thanks for their service, seconded by Selectman Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AND METAL DISPOSAL:

Administrator LaBombard stated that the Solid Waste contracts will expire June 30, 2016, discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to explore all areas of disposal and discuss again at a future meeting.

REST OF RIVER UP DATE:

Administrator LaBombard stated that Rene Wood would like to continue to represent the Town on the Rest of River Committee if the Board would like her to. Ms. Wood suggested that the Town request a percentage change for the fees. It would have to be negotiated by all of the six towns. It was the consensus of the Board to ask Ms. Wood to continue representing Sheffield and to thank her for her commitment. Selectman Smith moved to sign a new agreement with the Rest of River communities and to ask Ms. Wood to seek a percentage reduction, seconded by Selectman Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

WEATOGUE ROAD GRANT:

Administrator LaBombard stated that the Trustees of Reservation are seeking a grant to help with the erosion on Weatogue and would like to partner with the Town for some of the work. They have requested a letter of support for the grant application. Selectman Smith spoke to the serious erosion, expressed the Board's enthusiasm to be part of this effort and stated that the Grant application has the Board's fullest support Selectman Smith moved to send a letter of support to the Trustees of Reservation for their grant application to help stop the erosion on Weatogue Road, seconded by Selectman Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

HANLON VS TOWN OF SHEFFIELD DECISION:

Administrator LaBombard stated the Town received notice of the May 13, 2016 Appeals Court decision in the matter of Hanlon vs Town of Sheffield. The Appeals Court has reversed the original judgement and found that the Sheffield Zoning By-Law that purports to regulate "the use and operation of aircraft on (an) airport or restricted landing area" cannot take effect until submitted to the (division) and until approved by the (division) "the Land Court judgement is reversed and the matter was remanded to the Land Court for entry of a new judgement consistent with the Appeals Court opinion. A petition for rehearing before the Appeals Court must be filed within fourteen days and an application for leave to obtain further appellate review must be filed within 20 days.

Selectman Smith moved to not file a petition for a rehearing before the Appeals Court, seconded by Selectman Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectman Smith reminded residents that the Ashley Falls Memorial Day Parade would take place at 8 am on Monday May 30th and the Sheffield Parade would take place at 11 am on Monday, May 30th.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator LaBombard thanked Stephanie Blumenthal for organizing a roadside clean up. Trash was collected by over 30 volunteers, who left the trash bags on the roadside for the Highway Department to pick up and dispose of.

Selectman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Eileen Clarke

Temporary Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents Reviewed at this meeting;
Application for Wine Malt License
Resignation Letters
Solid Waste, Recycling and Metal Disposal Contracts
Rest of River Email
Hanlon Vs Town of Sheffield Decision